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## A DRUM ROLL PLEASE



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A row of empty green drums marked "salvage drums" sit outside the former American Glue factory on 40 School St. in Middleton. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is performing a superfund cleanup of 500 drums of hazardous waste contained inside the factory. The drums, which are refurbished, are empty now and will be used for "over-packing" the drums of hazardous waste, said Gilberto Irizzary, the on scene coordinator for the EPA. The drums inside the building have deteriorated to such a degree they cannot be shipped, he said. About the cleanup, Irizzary said, "we haven't had any problems." The EPA and its cleanup contractor have spent the past three weeks organizing the drums and staging them properly so that samples of their contents can be gathered, Irizzary said.

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